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SUBJECT COMMENTS ON THE SESSIONS OF THE COPENHAGEN INTERNATIONAL WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL

(IWCT) 20 NOVEMBER - 2 DECEMBER 1967

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SUMMARY: AT THE COPENHAGEN IWCT SESSIONS FROM 20 NOVEMBER - 2 DECEMBER

1967, AN IMPRESSION EMERGED THAT THE REAL POWER WITHIN THE IWCT IS HELD BY
PIERRE
VLADIMIR DEDIJER, JEAN VIGIER, ROGER PIC (WHOSE TRUE NAME IS PINARD),
AND DAVE DELLINGER. THE JURY WAS DEEPLY SPLIT ON THE CHARGE OF GENOCIDE AND
DROPPED THE CHARGE. THOUGH THE NORTH VIETNAMESE DELEGATION APPEARED PLEASED,
THE CONFERENCE WAS GENERALLY THOUGHT TO BE LESS SIGNIFICANT THAN THE ONE IN
STOCKHOLM. THE COPENHAGEN POPULATION WAS RELATIVELY COOL AND ARRANGEMENTS
WERE LESS EFFICIENT. IN ADDITION, MONEY WAS LACKING EXCEPT FROM PRIVATE DONORS
SUCH AS PICASSO. DELLINGER, CLOSE TO AND LIKED BY THE VIETNAMESE, WAS BETTER
RECEIVED THAN STOKELY CARMICHAEL, WHOSE SPEECH ADDED NOTHING NEW. JEAN-

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PAUL SARTRE'S FAVORITISM TOWARD CARMICHAEL WAS CONSIDERED UNCALLED FOR. ANOTHER CONFERENCE WAS PLANNED BUT NO DATE SET. END OF SUMMARY.

1. SOME OF THE PERSONS WHO TESTIFIED AT THE COPENHAGEN IWCT CONFERENCE, WHICH TOOK PLACE 20 NOVEMBER TO 2 DECEMBER 1967, AND SOME OF THE JOURNALISTS WHO ATTENDED IT, HAD THE IMPRESSION THAT THE REAL POWER WITHIN THE IWCT WAS HELD BY FOUR PERSONS: VLADIMIR DEDIJER, THE YUGOSLAV PRESIDENT OF THE COPENHAGEN SESSION; JEAN / PIERRE VIGIER, THE FRENCH SECRETARY OF THE IWCT; ROGER PIC (WHOSE TRUE NAME IS PINARD), FRENCH JOURNALIST/PHOTOGRAPHER; AND DAVE DELLINGER OF THE AMERICAN DELEGATION.

2. THE IWCT IS PLANNING ANOTHER CONFERENCE, BUT NO DATE WAS MENTIONED.

[REDACTED] COMMENT: ACCORDING TO A STOCKHOLM RADIO BROADCAST OF 1 DECEMBER, VLADIMIR DEDIJER CONFIRMED THAT THE TRIBUNAL DID NOT INTEND TO BECOME A PERMANENT INSTITUTION TAKING UP OTHER PROBLEMS; HOWEVER, WHILE THE VIETNAM WAR CONTINUED, THE TRIBUNAL WOULD WATCH DEVELOPMENTS THERE. THERE WAS NO MENTION OF A THIRD SESSION.]

3. ACCORDING TO MADELEINE RIFFAUD, CORRESPONDENT OF THE FRENCH COMMUNIST ORGAN, L'HUMANITE, THE JURY WAS DEEPLY SPLIT ON THE QUESTION OF CONVICTING THE UNITED STATES ON THE CHARGE OF GENOCIDE. SINCE SO MANY JURORS OPPOSED THE CHARGE BECAUSE IT COULD NOT BE LEGALLY SUBSTANTIATED, IT WAS FINALLY DECIDED TO DROP THE CHARGE BUT TO ALLOW JEAN-PAUL SARTRE TO SAY ANYTHING THAT HE WISHED ON THE

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SUBJECT WHEN ANNOUNCING THE JURY'S DECISIONS. RIFFAUD SAID MANY OF THE JURORS WERE DISPLEASED WITH WHAT SARTRE FINALLY SAID. [REDACTED] COMMENT: SARTRE REPEATEDLY SAID THAT THE US IS GUILTY OF GENOCIDE.]

4. THE NORTH VIETNAMESE PARTICIPANTS APPEARED TO BE VERY HAPPY WITH THE WAY THE CONFERENCE PROGRESSED AND WITH THE FINAL DECISION. ACCORDING TO RIFFAUD, HOWEVER, THE COPENHAGEN SESSION WAS MUCH LESS SIGNIFICANT THAN THE PREVIOUS STOCKHOLM CONFERENCE. SHE ATTRIBUTED THIS TO THE FACT THAT THE COPENHAGEN POPULATION WAS RELATIVELY COOL TOWARD THE IWCT PARTICIPANTS, CONFERENCE FACILITIES WERE NOT AS GOOD AS IN STOCKHOLM AND THE STOCKHOLM CONFERENCE WAS BETTER ORGANIZED AND DIRECTED.

5. THE CONFERENCE ORGANIZERS DID NOT HAVE ENOUGH MONEY FOR THE CONFERENCE AND NUMEROUS REFERENCES WERE MADE TO THE NEED FOR FUNDS. [REDACTED] COMMENT: AN ASSOCIATED PRESS STORY OF 2 DECEMBER, DATELINED LONDON, CITED A "RELIABLE DANISH SOURCE" AS STATING THIS CONFERENCE WOULD COST ABOUT \$43,000. EARLIER REPORTS IN THE DANISH PRESS STATED THE DANISH IWCT SPONSORS CLAIMED TO HAVE SOME 230,000 DANISH KRONER (ca \$33,000) GUARANTEED AS BACKING FOR THE TRIBUNAL SESSION.] MOST CONTRIBUTIONS WERE FROM PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS, SUCH AS PICASSO WHO HAD DONATED EITHER MONEY OR PAINTINGS TO THE CONFERENCE.

6. THE AMERICAN DELEGATE, DELLINGER, WAS OBVIOUSLY TRUSTED BY AND VERY CLOSE TO THE NORTH VIETNAMESE, PARTICULARLY THE MINISTER OF HEALTH, PHAM NGOC THACH.

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MADELEINE RIFFAUD COMMENTED THAT THE NORTH VIETNAMESE SEEMED TO SINGLE OUT DELLINGER, WHILE STOKELY CARMICHAEL WAS NOT PARTICULARLY WELL RECEIVED, AND THERE WAS DISCONTENT AMONG THE IWCT ORGANIZERS BECAUSE CARMICHAEL WAS ALLOWED TO SPEAK AFTER SARTRE HAD ANNOUNCED THE DECISIONS OF THE JURY. THE FEELING SEEMED TO BE THAT IF CARMICHAEL WAS GOING TO TESTIFY, HE SHOULD HAVE DONE SO DURING THE REGULAR MEETINGS, AND THAT NO POINT WAS SERVED BY HAVING HIM TESTIFY AFTER THE JURY HAD MADE ITS DECISIONS, PARTICULARLY AS CARMICHAEL SAID NOTHING NEW OR WORTHWHILE. BOTH RIFFAUD AND THE CORRESPONDENT OF THE ITALIAN COMMUNIST ORGAN L'UNITA SAID THEY THOUGHT THAT IT WAS UNCALLED FOR THAT SARTRE WENT OUT OF HIS WAY TO FAVOR CARMICHAEL. [REDACTED] COMMENT: THE ITALIAN CORRESPONDENT WAS PRESUMABLY ANTONELLO TROMBADORI.7 *Denmark*

7. THE ONLY REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE BERTRAND RUSSELL PEACE FOUNDATION (BRPF) WAS A YOUNG ENGLISHMAN OF ABOUT 20, WHO WAS NOT PARTICULARLY IMPRESSIVE. [REDACTED] COMMENT. SOURCE WAS UNABLE TO REMEMBER HIS NAME). [REDACTED] COMMENT: HANOI'S VNA NEWS SERVICE REPORTED ON 22 NOVEMBER THAT *B. approx 1942-1944* ~~RUSSELL STETLER~~ READ LORD BERTRAND RUSSELL'S MESSAGE TO THE TRIBUNAL. STETLER, AN AMERICAN IN HIS MID-TWENTIES, IS A DIRECTOR OF THE BRPF.)

8. FIELD DISSEM: NONE.

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